(v) That the bangle industry jn Delhi is suffering loss as the traders from different parts of the country prefer to buy their goods from Bombay etc.

tvi) That there are 27 dealers in bangles who pay nearly Rs. 1 lakh per year to the Delhi Administration by} way of Sales Tax and due to inadvertence, the dealers may violate Government regulation on Sales Tax and invite the wrath of the Sales Ta\ Department.

'Ihe matter was considered by the Delhi Administration and it was decided that in view of the position prevailing in the aev%h.boiDda% States Bangles, ona? aat bs. exempted from ihe levy of Sale-- Ta.\.

Sri Lauka's proposal to Hire British Mercenaries

1184. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn *to* the reports that Sri Lanka is planning to hire British mercenaries for tackling what they call 'Tamil terrorism';[1]

(b) whether Government have ascertained the facts and taken up the matter with British and Sri Lanka Governments; and

(c) if so, what is tbe reaction ol" these Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Government, are aware that the Sri Lankin Government are seeking assistance of British; security experts for imparting training to the Sri Lankan security forces.

(b) .and (c) Government have taken up this matter with the Government of the UK who deny any governmental involvement saying that a private British company may be involved.

Death of Animals in National Parks due to the indiscriminate use of tranquilizer guns

1185. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate use of tranquillizer guns has led to the death of animals in large numbers in National Parks;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to institute a probe into these cases; and

(c) whether staff responsible for capturing wild animals are adequately trained and if so, whether they are required to undergo orientation courses to update their training and knowledge on the subject?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Necessary training has been imparted to selected staff.

Meeting of the heads in the public sector undertakings of the Department of Mines

1186. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of STEEL & MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a meeting of the heads of the public sector undertakings of the Department of Mines was held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed at this meeting; and

(c) whether as a result of the discussions any concrete steps are proposed to be taken to increase the production of steel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b)

Yea Sir. A conferenc$_e$ of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings and National Organisations of the Department of Mines wa$_s$ held on 17th May, 1984. At ths meetings, Chief Executives of the Pub-Ke Sector Undertakings and National Organisations made a presentation of tlie review of 1983-84 operations, the Action Plan$_&$ of their individual enterprises|orga~nisations for 1984-85, and the strategy for *tha* next four years. Th$_e$ presentations, deliberations thereon and: the decisions taken have been formulated as a document for reference relating to their production-cum-profitability plans for 1984-85 and subsequent four years Thfe document also serves as the basis for Monitoring and Review.

(c) No Sir. This Conference did not consider the production of steel, as this item pertain$_s$ to the Department of Steel.

Brain drain from atomic power projects

1187. SHRI VITHALBHAI PATEL;

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SlNGH;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that brain drain of our engineers and scientists haa affected Our atomic powe$_r$ units;

(b) if so, how many scientist;, and engineers have gone abroad;

(c) what steps Government ar$_6$ taking *Io* stop this brain-drain; and

(d) whether there is any danger of vital saformatio$_n$ being leaked out by this sxodus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATlL); (a) There has been resignation of scientific personnel and technical personnel from the PAE. The percentage of these resignation is however not considered Job opportunities available to engineers «d job opportunities available to engineers and scientists outside the Government.

fb) Information is being collected.

(c) There hag been constant endeavour on the part of Government t$_0$ improve the service conditions of engineers and scientists in DAE.

(d) No, Sir.

Global tender floated by SAIL for purchase of coking coal

1188. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL had floated a global tender in 1983 for the purchase of thre$_0$ lakhs tonne$_s$ of coking coal;

(b) if so, what ar$_e$ the names of the parties who ha<i sent quotations along with their specifications to SAIL;

(c) whether an undue delay has taken place in awarding the tender, if so, what are th© reasons therefore;

(d) what are the nam$_{es}$ of the partie who have been invited for negotiations:

(e) whether it is also a fact that the parties who haj sent quotations alongwith quoted the lowet rates have not bee$_n$ invited for negotiations; and

(f) if so, what actio$_n$ Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE); (a) No, Sir. In 1983, SAIL did not issue any global tender for purchase of coking cool.

(b) to (f) In 1982, SAIL floated a global tender, for import of 8 lakh tonnes of coking coal for delivery between October 1982 and June 1983 M|s Royal International Corporation, USA, did not quote against this tender offers were received by SAIL from 48 tenderers.

During 1982, SAIL had also issu$_e$ a Notice inviting applications for pre-qualification as long-term suppliers of coking coal. In response to this Notice, SAIL received offers from 96 parties. M|s Royal International Corporation submitted an application in November 1982 against this